

**Fairfax-Falls Church Local Human Rights Committee
Meeting Minutes**

July 11, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.
Pennino Building / Human Services Center
12011 Government Center Parkway
Room 836A

Committee Members in Attendance: Loretta Redelman (Chair), Judy Regner, Betty Gardner, Ron Lambert, Jeanne Thomson, Chris Harrison

Others in Attendance: Karen Brown (Brain Injury Services), Richard Gilman (Blue Ridge Residential Services), Tim Simmons (HR Advocate), Lisa Blecker (LHRC Support)

The meeting convened at 1:05 p.m. Approval of the June minutes was approved as written.

I. Policies and Procedures

Karen Brown from Brain Injury Services came to the meeting and received recommendations from the LHRC to their policies and procedures. Recommendations included on pg. 8 to add that an individual's capacity will be reviewed on an annual basis, on pg. 10 that consumers and LAR's may be charged for copies based on their ability to pay, and that typos be corrected. The committee voted on and approved the policies and procedures as amended and corrected.

ETRON's revised human rights policies and procedures were reviewed. A letter will be sent to them with LHRC recommendations and they will be asked to attend the August meeting so the LHRC can clarify all their recommendations.

II. Annual Summary

A summary of the annual human rights activities were presented to the LHRC by Richard Gilman of Blue Ridge Residential Services. The LHRC was invited to tour one or two of their sponsored residential homes.

III. Restrictive Plan Discussion

A motion was made, seconded and voted on to move into Executive Session to review client issues at 1:55 p.m. and the committee came out of Executive Session at 2:40 p.m. The committee went back into Executive Session a second time to review client issues at 2:50 p.m. and the committee came out of Executive Session at 3:20 p.m. Six quarterlies and one medication change were approved for three months. Recommendations included quarterlies be more specific in terms of the physical restraints used, updating the committee if there are any behavioral concerns since one person is not smoking, and for one program to clarify whether the technique used is a restraint or a restriction.

IV. Research

The committee discussed the Client Diagnostic Questionnaire presented last month by Dan Zeman from CSB-MH. The committee will send a letter and request that Dan and members of the consortium attend the August meeting to clarify how this document will be used so the LHRC will be able to provide further guidance.

V. Committee Business Session

The committee began its review of various restrictive techniques used in programs to discuss which techniques may pose a rights issue and require review by the LHRC. The committee will continue to review this list at the August meeting.

VI. Advocate's Report

Tim Simmons reported that the Human Rights regulations have gone to the Governor's office for signature. It may be approved by September in time for the new regulations to be included in the Human Rights Workshop that is being planned for the fall. By next month we should have information about the dates and location for the seminar.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for: **Wednesday, August 8th**, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 836 A of the Pennino Building, 12011 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax County Government Center Complex.